

## Previous Year's Solution NET-JRF (December 2019)

### PART A

Q1. A two-digit number is such that if the digit 4 is placed to its right, its value would increase by 490. Find the original number.

- (a) 48                      (b) 54                      (c) 64                      (d) 56

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Let the two-digit number be  $10x + y$

From the question

$$100x + 10y + 4 - (10x + y) = 490 \Rightarrow 90x + 9y = 486 \Rightarrow 9(10x + y) = 486$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 10x + y = \frac{486}{9} = 54$$

Q2. Given that  $K! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times K$ , which is the largest among the following numbers?

- (a)  $(2!)^{1/2}$                       (b)  $(3!)^{1/3}$                       (c)  $(4!)^{1/4}$                       (d)  $\frac{(3!)}{2}$

Ans.: (d)

$$\text{Solution: } (2!)^{1/2} = (2^6)^{1/12} = (64)^{1/12}, (3!)^{1/2} = (6^4)^{1/12} = (1296)^{1/12}$$

$$(4!)^{1/4} = (24^3)^{1/12} = (13824)^{1/12}, \frac{(3!)}{2} = 3 = (3^{12})^{1/12} = (43046721)^{1/12}$$

Hence  $\frac{(3!)}{2}$  is largest

Q3. Of three children, Uma plays all three of cricket, football and hockey. Iqbal plays cricket but not football and Tarun plays hockey but neither football nor cricket. The number of games played by at least two of the children is

- (a) One                      (b) Two                      (c) Three                      (d) zero

Ans.: (b)

Solution: From the table we see that cricket is played by two children and Hockey is also played by two children. Football is played by just one student.

	Cricket	Football	Hockey
Uma	✓	✓	✓
Iqbal	✓	X	
Tarun	X	X	✓

Hence number of games played by at least two of the children = 2

Q4. A multiple-choice exam has 4 questions, each with 4 answer choices. Every question has only one correct answer. The probability of getting all answers correct by independent random guesses for each one is

- (a)  $(1/4)$                       (b)  $(1/4)^4$                       (c)  $(3/4)$                       (d)  $(3/4)^4$

Ans.: (b)

Solution:

First question	Second question	Third question	Fourth question
4 ways	4 ways	4 ways	4 ways

Each question can be answered in 4 ways. Hence total number of ways of answering the four questions =  $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 4^4$

There is only one way of providing the correct answer

Hence, required probability =  $(1/4)^4$

Q5. The result of a survey to find the most preferred leader among  $A, B, C$  is shown in the table

Votes	$A$	$B$	$C$
1 <sup>st</sup> preference	13	54	33
2 <sup>nd</sup> preference	24	37	39
3 <sup>rd</sup> preference	63	9	28

First, second and third preferences are given weights 3, 2, 1, respectively. Statistically, which of the following can be said to represent the preferences of the voters?

- (a)  $A$  and  $C$  are within 10% of each other  
(b)  $B$  is the most preferred  
(c)  $B$  and  $C$  are within 10% of each other  
(d)  $C$  is the most preferred

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Taking into account their respective weights

$$\text{Number of votes of } A = 13 \times 3 + 24 \times 2 + 63 \times 1 = 150$$

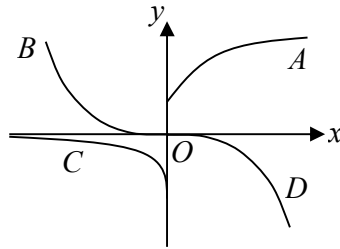
$$\text{Number of votes of } B = 54 + 37 \times 2 + 9 \times 1 = 245$$

$$\text{Number of votes of } C = 33 \times 3 + 39 \times 2 + 28 \times 1 = 205$$

Hence, we can say that  $B$  is most preferred.

Q6. Which is the curve in the figure whose points satisfy the equation  $y = \text{constant} \times e^x$  ?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

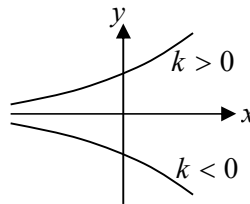


Ans.: (c)

Solution: The graph of the curve  $y = k \times e^x$  and shown in the figure for  $k > 0$

$k < 0$ .

Hence the correct option is (c)



Q7. An ice cube of volume  $10 \text{ cm}^3$  is floating over a glass of water of  $10 \text{ cm}^2$  cross-section area and  $10 \text{ cm}$  height. The level of the water is exactly at the brim of the glass. Given that the density of ice is 10% less than that of water, what will be the situation when ice melts completely?

- (a) The level falls by 10% of the side of the cube.
- (b) The level falls by 10% of the original height of the water column
- (c) The level increases by 10% of the side of the cube and water spills out
- (d) There is no change in the level of the water.

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Let the density of water be  $\rho_w$  then density of ice =  $\frac{9\rho_w}{10}$

For floating: Weight of cube = Buoyant force

$$\Rightarrow \rho_i v_i g = \rho_w v g \Rightarrow \frac{9\rho_w}{10} (10 \text{ cm}^3) = \rho_w v \Rightarrow v = 9 \text{ cm}^3$$

hence  $9 \text{ cm}^3$  if ice is initially submerged in water when ice melts its volume changes from  $10 \text{ cm}^3$

to  $(10 \text{ cm}^3) \times \frac{9}{10} = 9 \text{ cm}^3$ . Thus, we see that there is no change in the level of water.

- Q8. In a college admission where applicants have to choose only one subject,  $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$  of the applicants opted for Biology.  $\frac{1}{6}^{\text{th}}$  for chemistry,  $\frac{1}{8}^{\text{th}}$  for Physics and  $\frac{1}{12}^{\text{th}}$  for Maths. 18 applicants did not opt for any of the above four subjects. How many applicants were there?
- (a) 22                                      (b) 24                                      (c) 36                                      (d) 48

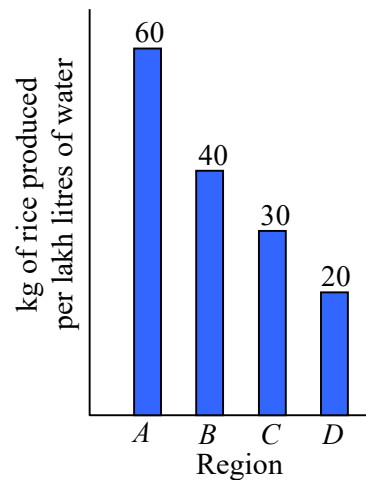
Ans.: (d)

Solution: Let here be  $x$  applicants

From the question

$$x - \left( \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{8} + \frac{x}{12} \right) = 18 \Rightarrow x - \frac{15x}{24} = 18 \Rightarrow \frac{9x}{24} = 18 \Rightarrow x = 48$$

- Q9. Based on the bar chart shown here, which of the following inferences is correct?



- (a) Region  $A$  uses maximum water per kg of rice.  
 (b) Average water consumption of the four regions is 37.5 lakh litres.  
 (c) Region  $D$  uses thrice the amount of water used by region  $A$  per kg of rice.  
 (d) Region  $B$  uses 20 lakh litres of less water than region  $A$ .

Ans.: (c)

Solution: Water used for the production of rice per kg in four regions

$A, B, C$  and  $D$  are  $\frac{1}{60}, \frac{1}{40}, \frac{1}{30}$  and  $\frac{1}{20}$  respectively

Since  $\frac{1}{20} = 3 \times \frac{1}{60}$ , hence correct option is (c).

- Q10. In a race five drivers were in the following situation.  $M$  was following  $V, R$  was just ahead of  $T$  and  $K$  was the only one between  $T$  and  $V$ . Who was in the second place at that instant?
- (a)  $V$                                       (b)  $R$                                       (c)  $T$                                       (d)  $K$

Ans.: (c)

Solution: From the statement " $R$  was just ahead of  $T$ ", We have the following situation:  $R, T$

From the statement " $K$  was the only one between  $T$  and  $V$ ", We can write  $T, K, V$

From the statement " $M$  was following  $V$ " we can write

$$R, T, K, V, M$$

Hence  $T$  was in the second place.

Q11. A bag contains 8 red balls, 17 green balls. What is the minimum number of balls that needs to be taken out from the bag to ensure getting at least one ball of each colour?

- (a) 19                      (b) 18                      (c) 28                      (d) 27

Ans.: (c)

Solution: If we draw a red ball then certainly, we have drawn at least one ball of each colour.

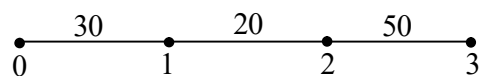
Hence the minimum number of balls that must be drawn to ensure that at least one ball of each colour is drawn  $= 17 + 10 + 1 = 28$ .

Q12. In a very old, stable forest, a particular species of plants grows to a maximum height of  $3m$ . In a large survey, it is found that 30% of the plants have heights less than  $1m$  and 50% have heights more than  $2m$ . From these observations we can say that the height of the plants increases

- (a) at the slowest rate when they are less than  $1m$  tall  
(b) at the fastest rate when they are between  $1m$  and  $2m$  tall  
(c) at the fastest rate when they are more than  $2m$  tall  
(d) at the same rate at all stages

Ans.: (b)

Solution: From the question we see that  $20 + 50 = 70$  percent plants have heights more than



in which only 50% plants have height more than  $2m$ . Hence plants show maximum rate of increase of height when they are between  $1m$  and  $2m$ .

Q13. What day of the week will it be 61 days from a Friday?

- (a) Saturday              (b) Sunday              (c) Friday              (d) Wednesday

Ans.: (d)

Solution: After a given day every 7<sup>th</sup> day is the same day.

Now, in 61 days  $7 \times 8 = 56$ th day will be a Friday. Hence 61<sup>th</sup> day will be a Wednesday

Q14. Which of the following 7-digit numbers CANNOT be perfect squares?

$$A = 45xyz26, B = 2xyz175, C = xyz3310$$

- (a) Only  $A$               (b) Only  $B$               (c) Only  $C$               (d) All three

Ans.: (d)

Solution: Only a four digit number when squared can give a 7-digit number.

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Suppose  $A = 45xyz26 = (abc6)^2$

But the second digits of  $(abc6)^2$  is always 1 or 3 or 5 or 7

Suppose  $B = 2xyz175 = (xyz5)^2$

But the second last digit of  $(xyz5)^2$  is always 2

Suppose  $C = xyz3310 = (pqr0)^2$

But the second last digit of  $(pqr0)^2$  is always 0

Since all three numbers  $A, B$  and  $C$  do not satisfy the requirements for a perfect square, none of them is a perfect square. Hence the correct option is (d)

Q15. A cyclist covers a certain distance at a constant speed. If a jogger covers half the distance in double the time as the cyclist, the ratio of the speed of the jogger to that of the cyclist is

- (a) 1:4                      (b) 4:1                      (c) 1:2                      (d) 2:1

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Let the speed of cyclist be  $v_1$  and the distance covered be  $d_1$ .

$$\text{Then time taken by cyclist } v_1 = \frac{d_1}{t_1}$$

$$\text{Speed of Jogger } v_2 = \frac{d_2}{t_2} = \frac{d_1/2}{2t_1} = \frac{v_1}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence ratio of speed of Jogger to that of cyclist} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = 1:4$$

Q16. What is the ratio of the surface area of a cube with side  $1\text{ cm}$  to the total surface area of the cubes formed by breaking the original cube into identical cubes of side  $1\text{ mm}$ ?

- (a)  $\frac{1}{6}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{10}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{100}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{36}$

Ans.: (b)

Solution: surface area of cube  $6(10\text{ mm})^2 = 600\text{ mm}^2$  ( $A = 6a^2$ )

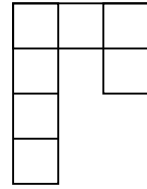
Sum of surface areas of smaller cubes:  $6(1\text{ mm})^2 \times \text{number of smaller cubes}$

$$\text{Number of smaller cubes} = \frac{\text{Volume of original cube}}{\text{Volume of smaller cube}} = \frac{(10\text{ mm})^3}{(1\text{ mm})^3} = 1000$$

Hence, sum of surface areas of smaller cubes =  $6000\text{ mm}^2$

$$\text{Hence, the required ratio} = \frac{600\text{ mm}^2}{6000\text{ mm}^2} = \frac{1}{10} = 1:10$$

Q17. How many non-square rectangles are there in the following figure, consisting of 7 squares?



- (a) 8                      (b) 9                      (c) 10                      (d) 11

Ans.: (c)

Solution: Number of rectangles having length one unit and width two or three or four units = 7

Number of rectangles having length three units and width one units = 2

Number of rectangles having length three units and width one units = 1

Hence total number of non-square rectangles =  $7 + 2 + 1 = 10$

Q18. The mean of a set of 10 numbers is  $M$ . By combining with it a second set of  $M$  numbers, the mean of the combined set becomes 10. What is the sum of the second set of numbers?

- (a)  $10M - 1$               (b)  $10M + 1$               (c) 20                      (d) 100

Ans.: (d)

Solution: The sum of all numbers in the first set =  $10 \times M = 10M$

Te sum of numbers in the combined set =  $(10 + M) \times 10 = 100 + 10M$

sum of second set of numbers

= sum of numbers in combined set – sum of numbers in first set

=  $100 + 10M - 10M = 100$

Q19. Karan's house is  $20\text{ m}$  to the east of Rahul's house. Mehul's house is  $25\text{ m}$  to the North-East of Rahul's house. With respect to Mehul's house in which direction is Karan's house?

- (a) East                      (b) South                      (c) North-East              (d) West

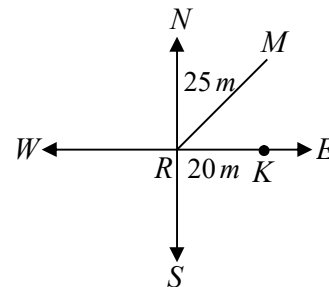
Ans.: (b)

Solution: Mehul's house is  $\frac{25}{\sqrt{2}}\text{ m}$  to the East of Rahul's house and

$\frac{25}{\sqrt{2}}\text{ m}$  to the north of Rahul's house. Hence with respect to

Mehul's house Karan house is in the South-East direction.

None of the given options have this answer. So all of them are wrong.



Q20. A four-wheeled cart is going around a circular track. Which of the following statements is correct, if the four wheels are free to rotate independent of each other and the cart negotiates the track stably?

- (a) All wheels rotate at the same speed
- (b) The four wheels have different speeds each
- (c) The wheels closer to the inside of the track move slower than the outer-side wheels
- (d) The wheels closer to the inside of the track move faster than the outer-side wheels

Ans.: (c)

Solution: We consider that the angular speed of all parts of the car is uniform, call it  $\omega$ .

Suppose that two types closer to the centre of the track are at a distance of  $r_1$  from centre. Also suppose that the two types that are farther from the centre of track are at a distance  $r_2$  from the centre. Clearly  $r_2 > r_1$

Speed of wheels closer to the inside of track =  $\omega r_1$

Speed of wheels farther away from the track =  $\omega r_2$

Since  $r_2 > r_1 \Rightarrow \omega r_2 > \omega r_1$



## PART B

Q21. The angular frequency of oscillation of a quantum harmonic oscillator in two dimensions is  $\omega$ . If it is in contact with an external heat bath at temperature  $T$ , its partition function is (in the following  $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$ )

(a)  $\frac{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{2\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$       (b)  $\frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$       (c)  $\frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$       (d)  $\frac{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega}}{e^{2\beta\hbar\omega} - 1}$

Ans.: (b)

Topic- Thermodynamics & statistical physics

SubTopic- canonical ensemble

Solution:  $E_n = (n+1)\hbar\omega \Rightarrow n = n_x + n_y$  (2D H.O)

$$z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)e^{-\beta(n+1)\hbar\omega}, \text{ degeneracy} = (n+1)$$

$$z = e^{-\beta\hbar\omega} + 2e^{-2\beta\hbar\omega} + 3e^{-3\beta\hbar\omega} + \dots$$

$$\text{By } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} = \frac{1!}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$z = e^{-\beta\hbar\omega} (1 + 2e^{-\beta\hbar\omega} + 3e^{-2\beta\hbar\omega} + \dots) = \frac{e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}}{(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega})^2}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}\right)^2} = \frac{e^{\beta\hbar\omega}}{(e^{\beta\hbar\omega} - 1)^2}$$

Q22. A student measures the displacement  $x$  from the equilibrium of a stretched spring and reports it be  $100 \mu m$  with a 1% error. The spring constant  $k$  is known to be  $10 N/m$  with 0.5% error.

The percentage error in the estimate of the potential energy  $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$  is

(a) 0.8%      (b) 2.5%      (c) 1.5%      (d) 3.0%

Ans.: (b)

Topic – Electronics and experimental method

Subtopic-Error analysis

Solution: Potential energy due to spring is given by  $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} \% = \frac{\Delta K}{K} \% + \frac{2\Delta x}{x} \%$$

It is Given:  $\frac{\Delta K}{K} \% = 0.5\%$  and  $\frac{\Delta x}{x} \% = 1\%$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta V}{V} \% = 0.5\% + 2 \times 1\% = 2.5\%$$

Q23. The Hamiltonian of two interacting particles one with spin 1 and the other with spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  is given by  $H = A\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$ , where  $\vec{S}_1$  and  $\vec{S}_2$  denote the spin operators of the first and second particles, respectively and  $A$  and  $B$  are positive constants. The largest eigenvalue of this Hamiltonian is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}(A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar)$       (b)  $3A\hbar^2 + B\hbar$       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}(3A\hbar^2 + B\hbar)$       (d)  $A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar$

Topic: Quantum mechanics

Subtopic: Spin and angular momentum Algebra

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $H = A\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$

$$S_1 = 1 \quad S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad S = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$H = A \frac{|S|^2 - |S_1|^2 - |S_2|^2}{2} + B(S_{1x} + S_{2x})$$

For largest eigen value for  $S = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow |S| = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{3}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 = \frac{15}{4} \hbar^2$

$$|S_1|^2 = 1(1+1)\hbar^2 = 2\hbar^2$$

$$|S_2|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2$$

$$S_{1x} = \hbar \quad S_{2x} = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$$H = A \frac{\frac{15}{4} \hbar^2 - 2\hbar^2 - \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2}{2} + B \left( \hbar + \frac{\hbar}{2} \right)$$

$$= A \frac{(15-11)\hbar^2}{8} + \frac{3B\hbar}{2} = A \frac{4}{8}\hbar^2 + \frac{3B\hbar}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(A\hbar^2 + 3B\hbar)$$

- Q24. Consider the set of polynomials  $\{x(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}\}$  in  $t$  of degree less than  $n$ , such that  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x(1) = 1$ . This set
- (a) constitutes a vector space of dimension  $n$
  - (b) constitutes a vector space of dimension  $n - 1$
  - (c) constitutes a vector space of dimension  $n - 2$
  - (d) does not constitute a vector space

Topic- Mathematical physics

Sub topic – Vector spaces

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $x(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}$

$$x(0) = 0, a_0 = 0$$

$$x(t) = a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}t^{n-1}, \text{ also, } x(1) = 1$$

$$1 = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \quad (i)$$

$t, t^2, t^3, \dots$  will make basis vector if  $c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3 + \dots = 0$  such that  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \dots = 0$

But that is contradicting by (i)

So, It does not constitute a vector space.

- Q25. Consider black body radiation in thermal equilibrium contained in a two-dimensional box. The dependence of the energy density on the temperature  $T$  is
- (a)  $T^3$
  - (b)  $T$
  - (c)  $T^2$
  - (d)  $T^4$

Topic- Thermodynamics and statistical mechanics

Sub topic -Black body radiation

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Energy density for 2D photon,  $u = \frac{2\zeta(3)(k_B T)^3}{\hbar c^2 \pi} \Rightarrow u \propto T^3$

Where  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$  is Riemann Zeta function.

Q26. The energy eigenvalues of a particle of mass  $m$ , confined to a rigid one-dimensional box of width  $L$ , are  $E_n$  ( $n=1,2,\dots$ ). If the walls of the box are moved very slowly toward each other, the rate of change of time-dependent energy  $\frac{dE_2}{dt}$  of the first excited state is

- (a)  $\frac{E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$       (b)  $\frac{2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$       (c)  $-\frac{2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$       (d)  $-\frac{E_1}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$

Topic – Quantum mechanics

Subtopic – particle in infinite box

Ans. : (c)

Solution:  $E_2 = \frac{4\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dE_2}{dt} = -2 \frac{4\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^3} \frac{dL}{dt} = -\frac{2E_2}{L} \frac{dL}{dt}$

Q27. A ball, initially at rest, is dropped from a height  $h$  above the floor bounces again and again vertically. If the coefficient of restitution between the ball and the floor is 0.5, the total distance travelled by the ball before it comes to rest is

- (a)  $\frac{8h}{3}$       (b)  $\frac{5h}{3}$       (c)  $3h$       (d)  $2h$

Topic -Classical mechanics

Subtopic – Conservation of momentum and energy & collision

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $v = \sqrt{2gh}$  and  $v_1 = e\sqrt{2gh}$

$$0 = (ev)^2 - 2gh_1 \Rightarrow h_1 = \frac{e^2 \times 2gh}{2g} = e^2h$$

Similarly,  $h_2 = e^4h$

$$H = h + 2h_1 + 2h_2 + \dots \infty = h + 2(e^2h + e^4h + \dots \infty)$$

$$= h + 2e^2h \left( \frac{1}{1-e^2} \right) = h \left( \frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Put } e = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 = \left( \frac{1+0.25}{1-0.25} \right) h = \frac{1.25}{0.75} h = \frac{5h}{3}$$

Q28. Two spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions of mass  $m$  are confined to move in a one-dimensional infinite potential well of width  $L$ . If the particles are known to be in a spin triplet state, the ground state energy of the system (in units of  $\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2}$ ) is

- (a) 8                      (b) 2                      (c) 3                      (d) 5

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- particle in box and Spin

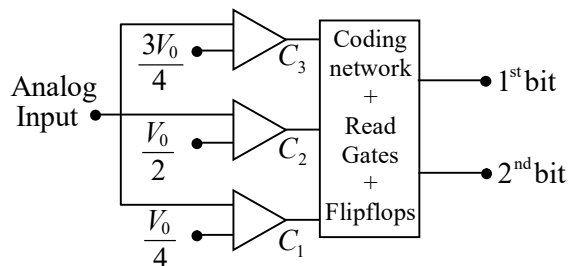
Ans.: (d)

Solution: If probability in triplet state means  $S_{1z} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $S_{2z} = \frac{1}{2}$ . So one electron in  $n = 1$  state and another in  $n = 2$  state. So ground state energy of configuration is

$$(1^2 + 2^2) \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} = \frac{5\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2}$$

Q29. The figure below shows a 2-bit simultaneous analog-to-digital (A/D) converter operating in the voltage range 0 to  $V_0$ . The output of the comparators are  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  with the reference inputs  $V_0/4$ ,  $V_0/2$  and  $3V_0/4$ , respectively. The logic expression for the output corresponding to the less significant bit is

- (a)  $C_1 C_2 C_3$   
 (b)  $C_2 \bar{C}_3 + \bar{C}_1$   
 (c)  $C_1 \bar{C}_2 + C_3$   
 (d)  $C_2 \bar{C}_3 + C_2$



Topic – Electronics and Experimental methods

Subtopic – A/D converter

Ans.: (c)

Solution: Least significant bit is (0,1) i.e.  $C_1$  will be selected and  $C_2 = 0, C_3 = 0$

So output =  $C_1 \bar{C}_2 + C_3 = C_1 \cdot \bar{0} + 0 = C_1$

Q30. The  $yz$ - plane at  $x=0$  carries a uniform surface charge density  $\sigma$ . A unit point charge is moved from a point  $(\delta, 0, 0)$  on one side of the plane to a point  $(-\delta, 0, 0)$  on the other side. If  $\delta$  is an infinitesimally small positive number, the work done in moving the charge is

- (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$                       (c)  $-\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$                       (d)  $\frac{2\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \delta$

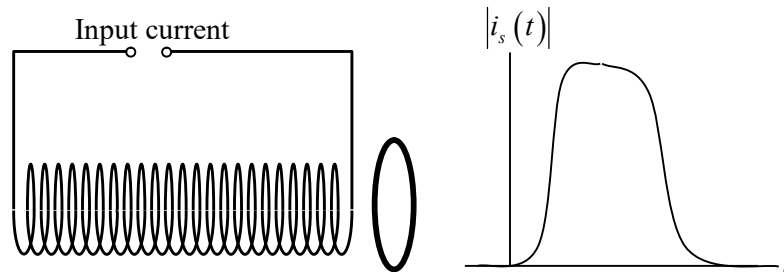
Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic – Gauss law

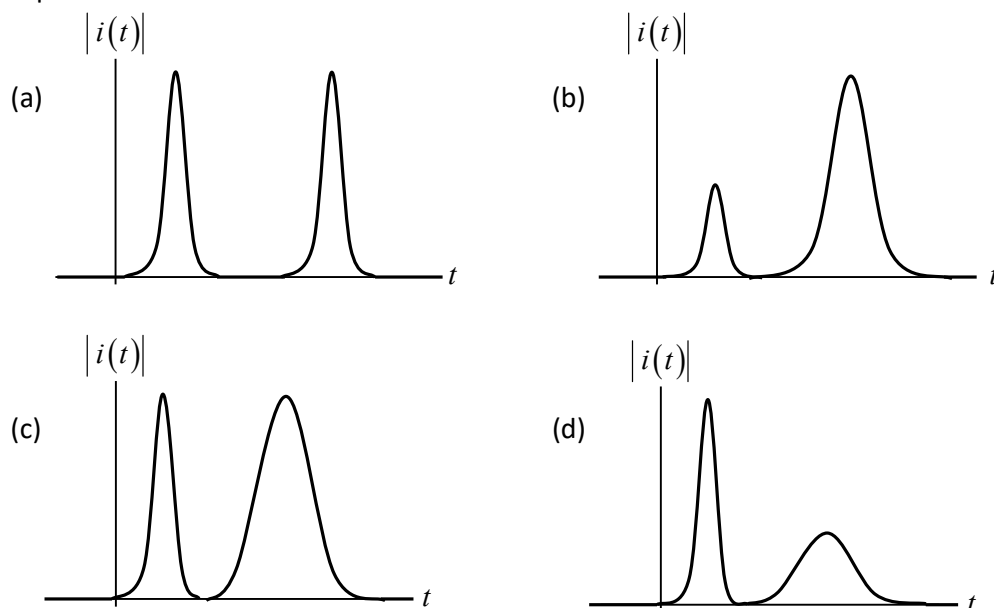
Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $w = q(V_a - V_b) = 0$ , work done is zero. It is an equipotential surface.

Q31. A circular conducting wire loop is placed close to a solenoid as shown in the figure below. Also shown is the current through the solenoid as a function of time.



The magnitude  $|i(t)|$  of the induced current in the wire loop, as a function of time  $t$ , is best represented as



Topic- electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Lenz law



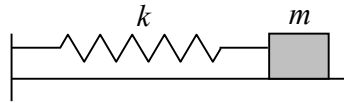
Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $Q_1 = 100 J, Q_2 = 40 J$

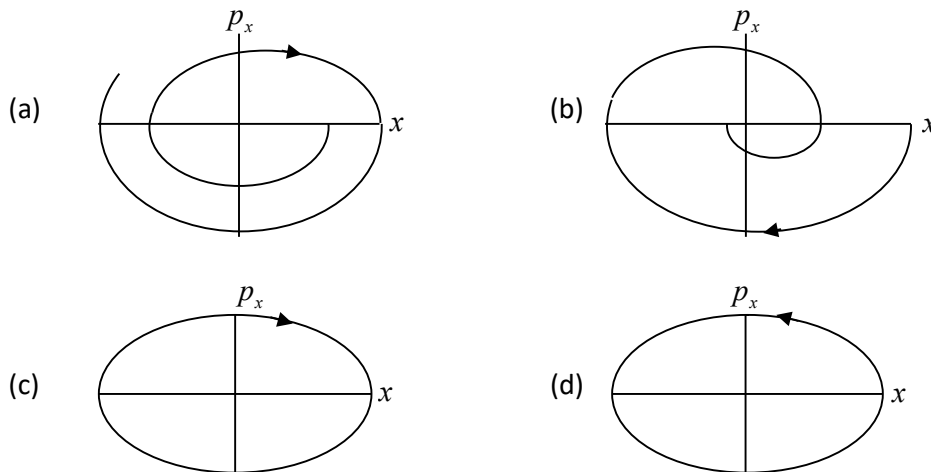
$$T_1 = ? \quad T_2 = 300 K$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{T_1}{T_2} \Rightarrow \frac{100}{40} = \frac{T_1}{300} \Rightarrow T_1 = \frac{100 \times 300}{40} \Rightarrow T_1 = 750 K$$

Q34. A block of mass  $m$ , attached to a spring, oscillates horizontally on a surface. The coefficient of friction between the block and the surface is  $\mu$ . Which of the following trajectories best describes the motion of the block in the phase space ( $xp_x$ -plane)?

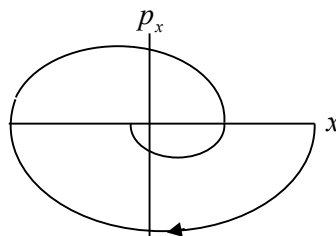


Topic- Classical Mechanics  
Sub Topic -Phase space



Ans.: (b)

Solution: Due to friction, amplitude and momentum of oscillation continuously decreases. So option (b) is correct.



Q35. Let  $C$  be the circle of radius  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  centered at  $z = \frac{1}{4}$  in the complex  $z$ -plane that is traversed counter-clockwise. The value of the contour integral  $\oint_C \frac{z^2}{\sin^2 4z} dz$  is

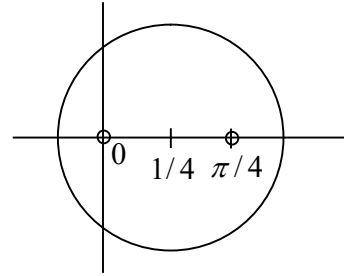
- (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{i\pi^2}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{i\pi^2}{16}$                       (d)  $\frac{i\pi}{4}$

Topic-- Mathematical physics  
Sub topic- Complex Analysis

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $f(z) = \left(\frac{z}{\sin 4z}\right)^2$   $z_0 = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}$  are poles

$\therefore 4z = n\pi \Rightarrow z = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}$ , Others are outside the contour.



Residue at  $z = 0$  is  $\left[ \frac{z}{4z - \frac{4^3 z^3}{3!} + \dots} \right]^2$

$= \left[ \frac{1}{4 - \frac{4^3 z^2}{3!} + \dots} \right]^2$  No terms for  $\frac{1}{z}$ ,  $b_1 = 0$

$= \left[ 4 - \frac{4^3 z^2}{3!} + \dots \right]^{-2}$

Residue for  $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$   $z - \frac{\pi}{4} = t$

$\sin(4t + \pi) = -\sin 4t$

$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{t + \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin 4\left(t + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \right]^2 = \left( \frac{t + \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin 4t} \right)^2 = \frac{t^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 2t \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}}{\sin^2 4t}$

$\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{t}{16t^2 [1 - \dots]^2} = \frac{\pi}{32t} [1 - \dots]^{-2} \Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{\pi}{32}$

$\oint_C \frac{z^2}{\sin^2 4z} dz = 2\pi i \left[ 0 + \frac{\pi}{32} \right] = \frac{i\pi^2}{16}$

Q36. If the rank of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is  $m$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers with  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , then the rank of the matrix  $A^2$  is

- (a)  $m$                       (b)  $m-1$                       (c)  $2m$                       (d)  $m-2$

Topic- Mathematical physics

Subtopic- Matrices

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$   $m = 2, n = 2$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \Rightarrow \text{Rank } m = 2$$

so option (a) is correct.

Q37. A particle of mass  $m$  is confined to a box of unit length in one dimension. It is described by the wavefunction  $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x (1 + \cos \pi x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and zero outside this interval. The expectation value of energy in this state is

- (a)  $\frac{4\pi^2}{3m} \hbar^2$       (b)  $\frac{4\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$       (c)  $\frac{2\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$       (d)  $\frac{8\pi^2}{5m} \hbar^2$

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Infinite potential box

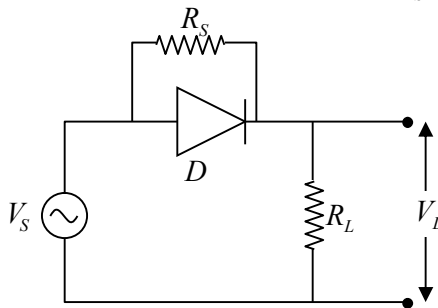
Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x (1 + \cos \pi x) = \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x + \sqrt{\frac{8}{5}} \sin \pi x \cos \pi x$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{8}{10}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} \sin \pi x + \sqrt{\frac{8}{40}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} \sin 2\pi x = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} |\phi_1\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} |\phi_2\rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{4}{5} \times E_0 + \frac{1}{5} \times 4E_0 = 2 \times \frac{4}{5} E_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 \hbar^2}{5m} \text{ where } E_0 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m}$$

Q38. In the circuit below,  $D$  is an ideal diode, the source voltage  $V_S = V_0 \sin \omega t$  is a unit amplitude sine wave and  $R_S = R_L$



The average output voltage,  $V_L$ , across the load resistor  $R_L$  is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2\pi} V_0$       (b)  $\frac{3}{2\pi} V_0$       (c)  $3V_0$       (d)  $V_0$

Topic- electronics and experimental methods

Subtopic- Operational amplifier

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Positive half cycle  $V_L = V_S = V_0 \sin \omega t$

$$\text{Negative half cycle } V_L = -\frac{V_S}{2} = -\frac{V_0}{2} \sin \omega t$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{av} &= \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_0^{T/2} V_0 \sin \omega t \, dt + \int_{T/2}^T \frac{-V_0}{2} \sin \omega t \, dt \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{V_0}{T} \left( \frac{-\cos \omega t}{\omega} \right)_0^{T/2} \right] - \frac{V_0}{2T} \left[ \left( \frac{-\cos \omega t}{\omega} \right) \right]_{T/2}^T \\ &= \frac{2V_0}{T\omega} + \frac{V_0}{T\omega} = \frac{3V_0}{T\omega} = \frac{3V_0}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Q39. The normalized wavefunction of a particle in three dimensions is given by

$$\psi(x, y, z) = N z \exp[-a(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)]$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant and  $N$  is a normalization constant. If  $L$  is the angular momentum operator, the eigenvalues of  $L^2$  and  $L_z$ , respectively, are

- (a)  $2\hbar^2$  and  $\hbar$       (b)  $\hbar^2$  and 0      (c)  $2\hbar^2$  and 0      (d)  $\frac{3}{4}\hbar^2$

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Angular momentum

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $\psi(x, y, z) = N z \exp[-a(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)]$

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = N r \cos \theta \exp(-r^2) \text{ so } m = 0, l = 1$$

$$L^2 = 2\hbar^2 \text{ and } L_z = 0\hbar$$

Q40. The electric field of an electromagnetic wave is  $\vec{E} = \hat{i}\sqrt{2} \sin(kz - \omega t) Vm^{-1}$ . The average flow of energy per unit area per unit time, due to this wave, is

- (a)  $27 \times 10^4 W / m^2$       (b)  $27 \times 10^{-4} W / m^2$   
(c)  $27 \times 10^{-2} W / m^2$       (d)  $27 \times 10^2 W / m^2$

Topic- Electromagnetic theory

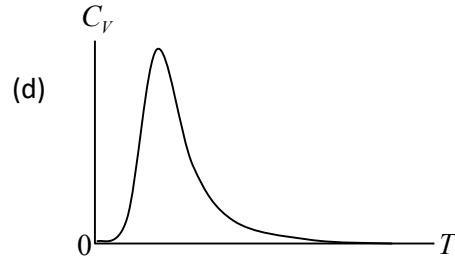
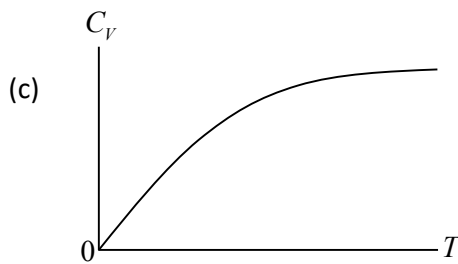
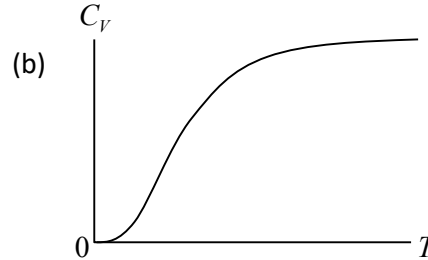
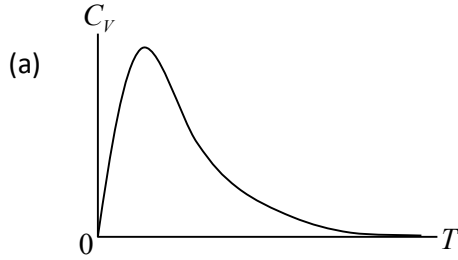
Subtopic: Poynting vector

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{E/t}{A} = I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \times 8.86 \times 10^{-12} (\sqrt{2})^2 \times 3 \times 10^8 \Rightarrow I \approx 27 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W/m}^2$$

Q41. The energies available to a three state system are  $0, E$  and  $2E$ , where  $E > 0$ . Which of the following graphs best represents the temperature dependence of the specific heat?



**Topic- Thermodynamics & statistical physics**  
**SubTopic- canonical ensemble**

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $Z = 1 + e^{-\beta E} + e^{-2\beta E}$

$$U = -\frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \beta} \Rightarrow C_v = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}$$

Q42. The values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which the force  $F = (axy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + bxz^2\hat{k}$  is conservative are

- (a)  $a = 2, b = 3$       (b)  $a = 1, b = 3$       (c)  $a = 2, b = 6$       (d)  $a = 3, b = 2$

**Topic- Mathematical Physics**  
**Subtopic- Vector**

Ans.: (a)

Solution: For conservative force  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ axy + z^3 & x^2 & bxz^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$L' = L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) + x\ddot{y} - y\ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{d'}{dt'} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L'}{\partial x} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} + \ddot{y} = 0 = 0 + \ddot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{y} = c_1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} + \ddot{x} = 0 = 0 - \ddot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = c_2$$

### PART C

Q46. The outermost shell of an atom of an element is  $3d^3$ . The spectral symbol for the ground state is

(a)  ${}^4F_{3/2}$

(b)  ${}^4F_{9/2}$

(c)  ${}^4D_{7/2}$

(d)  ${}^4D_{1/2}$

Topic- Atomic and molecular physics

Subtopic - Spectral Notation

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Ground state energy has follow the rule of highest  $S$  Highest  $L$  and lowest  $J$

For  $d^3$  :  $M_L = -2, -1, 0, +1, +2$

$$\text{Highest } S = \sum M_S = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Highest } L = \left| \sum M_L \right| = |2 + 1 + 0| = 3$$

$$\text{Lowest } J = |L - S| = \left| 3 - \frac{3}{2} \right| = \frac{3}{2}$$

Spectral term =  ${}^{2s+1}L_J = {}^4F_{3/2}$ . Thus correct option is (a)

Q47. In a spectrum resulting from Raman scattering, let  $I_R$  denote the intensity of Rayleigh scattering and  $I_S$  and  $I_{AS}$  denote the most intense Stokes line and the most intense anti-Stokes line, respectively. The correct order of these intensities is

(a)  $I_S > I_R > I_{AS}$

(b)  $I_R > I_S > I_{AS}$

(c)  $I_{AS} > I_R > I_S$

(d)  $I_R > I_{AS} > I_S$

Topic-Atomic and molecular physics

Subtopic-Raman scattering

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Intensity of Rayleigh line is always lighter than intensity of stokes and Anti-stokes line.

Whereas the intensity of stokes is lighter than anti-stokes. Thus  $I_R > I_S > I_{AS}$

Q48. A particle hops randomly from a site to its nearest neighbour in each step on a square lattice of unit lattice constant. The probability of hopping to the positive  $x$ -direction is 0.3, to the negative  $x$ -direction is 0.2, to the positive  $y$ -direction is 0.2 and to the negative  $y$ -direction is 0.3. If a particle starts from the origin, its mean position after  $N$  steps is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{10}N(-\hat{i} + \hat{j})$       (b)  $\frac{1}{10}N(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$       (c)  $N(0.3\hat{i} - 0.2\hat{j})$       (d)  $N(0.2\hat{i} - 0.3\hat{j})$

**Topic -thermodynamics and statistical mechanic**

**Subtopic-Random walk Problem**

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $\langle r_i \rangle = \sum_i p_i r_i = 0.3\hat{i} - 0.2\hat{i} + 0.2\hat{j} - 0.3\hat{j} = 0.1\hat{i} - 0.1\hat{j}$ .

For  $N$  steps,  $= \frac{N}{10}[\hat{i} - \hat{j}]$

Q49. Let  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{p}$  denote position and momentum operators obeying the commutation relation  $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$ . If  $|x\rangle$  denotes an eigenstate of  $\hat{x}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $x$ , then  $e^{ia\hat{p}/\hbar}|x\rangle$  is

- (a) an eigenstate of  $\hat{x}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $x$   
 (b) an eigenstate of  $\hat{x}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $(x + a)$   
 (c) an eigenstate of  $\hat{x}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $(x - a)$   
 (d) not an eigenstate of  $\hat{x}$

**Topic- Quantum mechanics**

**Subtopic operator**

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $e^{\frac{iaP}{\hbar}}|x\rangle = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{iaP}{\hbar} \right)^n \right] |x\rangle = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (-a\nabla)^n \right] |x\rangle$   
 $= |x\rangle - a\vec{\nabla}|x\rangle + \frac{1}{2}(a\vec{\nabla})^2|x\rangle \dots = |x - a\rangle$   
 $X|x - a\rangle = (x - a)|x - a\rangle$

Q50. The strong nuclear force between a neutron and a proton in a zero orbital angular momentum state is denoted by  $F_{np}(r)$ , where  $r$  is the separation between them. Similarly,  $F_{nn}(r)$  and  $F_{pp}(r)$  denote the forces between a pair of neutrons and protons, respectively, in zero orbital momentum state. Which of the following is true on average if the inter-nucleon distance is  $0.2 \text{ fm} < r < 2 \text{ fm}$ ?

- (a)  $F_{np}$  is attractive for triplet spin state, and  $F_{nn}, F_{pp}$  are always repulsive
- (b)  $F_{nn}$  and  $F_{np}$  are always attractive and  $F_{pp}$  is repulsive in the triplet spin state
- (c)  $F_{pp}$  and  $F_{np}$  are always attractive and  $F_{nn}$  is always repulsive
- (d) All three forces are always attractive

Topic-Nuclear physics

Subtopic-Nuclear forces

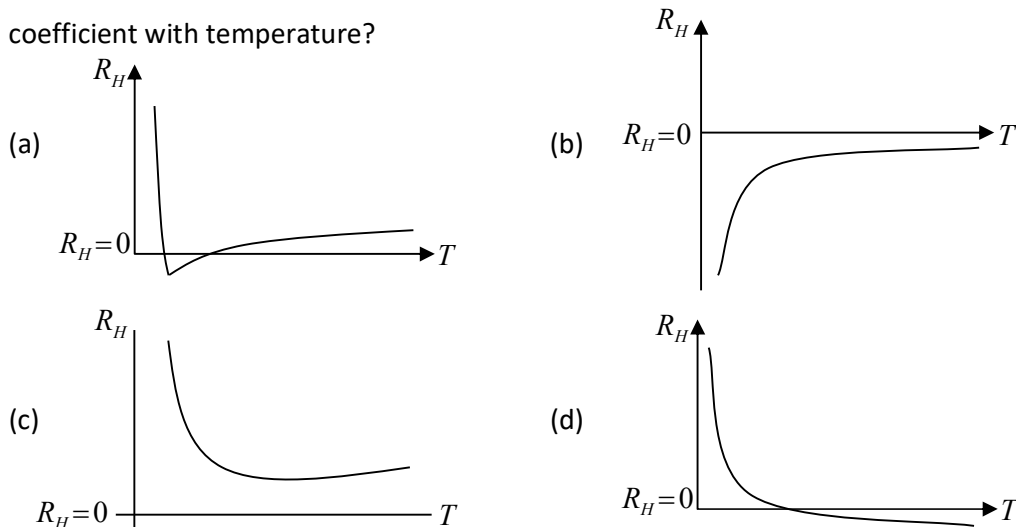
Ans. : (b)

Solution: The nuclear force acts between all of the particles in the nucleus i.e., between two neutrons, between two protons and between a neutron and a proton. It is attractive in all cases. In contrast, an electrical force acts only between two protons and it is repulsive.

Q51. The Hall coefficient for a semiconductor having both types of carriers is given as

$$R_H = \frac{p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2}{|e|(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)^2}$$

where  $p$  and  $n$  are the carrier densities of the holes and electrons,  $\mu_p$  and  $\mu_n$  are their respective mobilities. For a  $p$ -type semiconductor in which the mobility of holes is less than that of electrons, which of the following graphs best describes the variation of the Hall coefficient with temperature?



Topic -Condense matter physics

Subtopic- Hall effect

Ans. : (d)

Solution: Case I: At low temperature:  $p \gg n$ ,  $\mu_p < \mu_n$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 > n\mu_n^2 \Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow R_H = \text{Positive}$$

Case II: At moderate temperature  $\frac{p}{n} > 1$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 \approx n\mu_n^2 \quad (\text{since } \mu_p < \mu_n)$$

$$\therefore R_H > 0$$

Case III: At high temperature  $\frac{p}{n} \approx 1$

$$\Rightarrow p\mu_p^2 - n\mu_n^2 < 0 \quad (\text{since } \mu_p < \mu_n)$$

$$\therefore R_H < 0$$

Thus graph (d) correctly repeated the variation of  $R_H$  with respect to temperature

Q52. The generator of the infinitesimal canonical transformation  $q \rightarrow q' = (1 + \epsilon)q$  and  $p \rightarrow p' = (1 - \epsilon)p$  is

- (a)  $q + p$                       (b)  $qp$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}(q^2 - p^2)$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$

Topic: Classical mechanics

Subtopic: Canonical transformation

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $q \rightarrow q' = (1 + \epsilon)q$

$$p \rightarrow p' = (1 - \epsilon)p$$

$$\text{If } G \text{ is generator then } p' - p = \delta p_j = -\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_j} \quad \Rightarrow p' - p = -\epsilon p$$

$$q' - q = \delta q_i = \epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_j} \quad \Rightarrow q' - q = \epsilon p$$

We must check all options but if  $G = qp$

$$-\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial q} = -\epsilon p = \delta p$$

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial p} = \epsilon q = \delta q$$

Q53. Assume that the noise spectral density, at any given frequency, in a current amplifier is independent of frequency. The bandwidth of measurement is changed from  $1\text{ Hz}$  to  $10\text{ Hz}$ . The ratio  $A/B$  of the RMS noise current before ( $A$ ) and after ( $B$ ) the bandwidth modification is

- (a)  $1/10$                       (b)  $1/\sqrt{10}$                       (c)  $\sqrt{10}$                       (d)  $10$

Topic: Electronics

Sub topic: Noise

Ans. : (b)

Solution:  $I_{nBB} = i_{nBB} \sqrt{BW_n}$

$I_{nBB}$  = Broadband RMS noise current

$i_{nBB}$  = Noise broadband spectral density

$BW_n$  = Noise bandwidth

$$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Q54. Let the normalized eigenstates of the Hamiltonian  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  be  $|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle$  and  $|\psi_3\rangle$ . The

expectation value  $\langle H \rangle$  and the variance of  $H$  in the state  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle - i|\psi_3\rangle)$  are

- (a)  $\frac{4}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (c)  $2$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (d)  $2$  and  $1$

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Postulates of quantum mechanics

Ans.: (c)

Solution:  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Eigenvalue} = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 3$$

$$E_1 = 2, E_2 = 1, E_3 = 3$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle - i|\psi_3\rangle)$$

Hence coefficient of  $|\psi_1\rangle$ ,  $|\psi_2\rangle$  and  $|\psi_3\rangle$  in  $|\psi\rangle$  are same so there is no need to find eigenstate.

$$P(E=2) = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(E=1) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(E=3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\langle H \rangle = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} + 3 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2+1+3}{3} = 2$$

$$\langle H^2 \rangle = 2^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 3^2 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4+1+9}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$(\Delta E)^2 = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = \frac{14}{3} - (2)^2 = \frac{14-12}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Q55. For a crystal, let  $\phi$  denote the energy required to create a pair of vacancy and interstitial defects. If  $n$  pairs of such defects are formed, and  $n \ll N, N'$ , where  $N$  and  $N'$  are respectively, the total number of lattice and interstitial sites, then  $n$  is approximately

(a)  $\sqrt{NN'} e^{-\phi/(2k_B T)}$

(b)  $\sqrt{NN'} e^{-\phi/(k_B T)}$

(c)  $\frac{1}{2}(N + N') e^{-\phi/(2k_B T)}$

(d)  $\frac{1}{2}(N + N') e^{-\phi/(k_B T)}$

Topic - Condensed matter physics

Subtopic - Lattice defect

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Thermodynamic probability of such Frenkel defects is

$$W = \frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} \frac{N'!}{(N'-n)!n!}$$

$$\text{change in entropy is : } \Delta S = k \ln W = k \ln \left[ \frac{N!}{(N-n)!n!} \cdot \frac{N'!}{(N'-n)!n!} \right]$$

$$\Delta S = k \ln [N \ln N + N' \ln N' - (N-n) \ln (N-n) - (N'-n) \ln (N'-n) - 2n \ln n]$$

Change in free energy in creating  $n$  Frenkel defects

$$\Delta G = n\phi - T\Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta G = n\phi - T \left\{ k \ln [N \ln N + N' \ln N' - (N-n) \ln (N-n) - (N'-n) \ln (N'-n) - 2n \ln n] \right\}$$



Q57. The Bethe-Weizsacker formula for the binding energy (in MeV) of a nucleus of atomic number  $Z$  and mass number  $A$  is

$$15.8A - 18.3A^{2/3} - 0.714 \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - 23.2 \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A}$$

The ratio  $Z/A$  for the most stable isobar of a  $A = 64$  nucleus, is nearest to

- (a) 0.30                      (b) 0.35                      (c) 0.45                      (d) 0.50

Topic- Nuclear and particle physics

Subtopic- Binding energy

Ans. : (c)

Solution:  $B.E = 15.8A - 18.3A^{2/3} - 0.714 \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - 23.2 \frac{(A-2Z)^2}{A}$

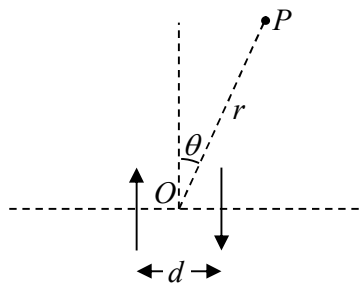
$$\frac{d(BE)}{dZ} = 0 \Rightarrow -0.714 \frac{(2Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} + (4 \times 23.2) \frac{(A-2Z)}{A} = 0$$

$$\frac{92.8}{64} (64 - 2Z) = \frac{0.714}{4} (2Z - 1)$$

$$520.89 = 18.24Z \Rightarrow Z = 28.6$$

So,  $\frac{Z}{A} = 0.45$ . Thus, correct option is (c)

Q58. The phase difference between two small oscillating electric dipoles, separated by a distance  $d$ , is  $\pi$ . If the wavelength of the radiation is  $\lambda$ , the condition for constructive interference between the two dipolar radiations at a point  $P$  when  $r \gg d$  (symbols are as shown in the figure and  $n$  is an integer) is



(a)  $d \sin \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$

(b)  $d \sin \theta = n \lambda$

(c)  $d \cos \theta = n \lambda$

(d)  $d \cos \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$

Topic-Electromagnetic Theory

Subtopic-Dipole radiation

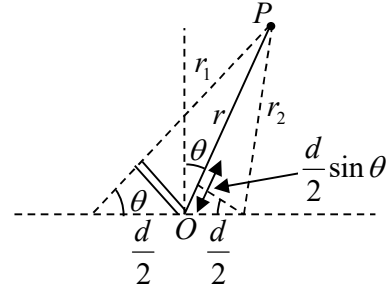
Ans.: (a)

Solution: Since dipole are in opposite direction, initial phase change will be  $\pi$ .

$$\text{Thus, } (\Delta\phi + \pi) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\text{path difference}) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (d \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \pi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} d \sin \theta \Rightarrow d \sin \theta = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \lambda$$

$$(n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$



$$r_1 = r + \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta, \quad r_2 = r - \frac{d}{2} \sin \theta$$

Q59. The Hamiltonian of two particles, each of mass  $m$ , is

$H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2) = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} + k \left( q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{1}{4} q_1 q_2 \right)$ , where  $k > 0$  is a constant. The value of the partition function

$$Z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_2 e^{-\beta H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2)}$$
 is

(a)  $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{16}{15}}$       (b)  $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{15}{16}}$       (c)  $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{63}{64}}$       (d)  $\frac{2m\pi^2}{k\beta^2} \sqrt{\frac{64}{63}}$

Topic-Thermodynamics and statistical mechanics

Subtopic-Partition function of canonical ensemble

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $Z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_2 e^{-\beta H(q_1, p_1; q_2, p_2)}$

$$Z(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \frac{p_1^2}{2m}} dp_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \frac{p_2^2}{2m}} dp_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta k \left( q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} \right)} dq_1 dq_2$$

Here we find a beautiful application of Jacobian transformation,  $q_1 = u + v$ ,  $q_2 = u - v$

$$\begin{aligned} q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} &= u^2 + v^2 + 2uv + u^2 + v^2 - 2uv + \frac{u^2 - v^2}{4} \\ &= 2[u^2 + v^2] + \frac{u^2 - v^2}{4} = \frac{8u^2 + 8v^2 + u^2 - v^2}{4} = \frac{9u^2 + 7v^2}{4} \\ u &= \frac{q_1 + q_2}{2}, \quad v = \frac{q_1 - q_2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\beta k \left( q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{q_1 q_2}{4} \right)} dq_1 dq_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} J e^{-\frac{\beta k}{4} (9u^2 + 7v^2)} dudv$$

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-7\beta \frac{k}{4} u^2} dudv$$

$$= 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi u}{9\beta k}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi v}{7\beta k}} = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{\beta k} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{16}{63}} = \frac{\pi}{\beta k} \sqrt{\frac{64}{63}}$$

Q60. In the AC Josephson effect, a supercurrent flows across two superconductors separated by a thin insulating layer and kept at an electric potential difference  $\Delta V$ . The angular frequency of the resultant supercurrent is given by

- (a)  $\frac{2e\Delta V}{\hbar}$       (b)  $\frac{e\Delta V}{\hbar}$       (c)  $\frac{e\Delta V}{\pi\hbar}$       (d)  $\frac{e\Delta V}{2\pi\hbar}$

Topic- Condense matter physics

Subtopic-Superconductor

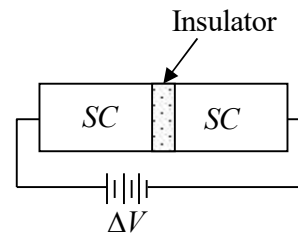
Ans. : (a)

Solution: Current density through thin insulating layer is

$$J = J_0 \sin \left[ \delta(0) - \frac{2\rho\Delta v}{\hbar} t \right] = J_0 \sin [\delta(0) - \omega t]$$

The angular frequency of the super current is  $\therefore \omega = \frac{2e\Delta v}{\hbar}$

Thus, correct option is (a)



Q61. A negative muon, which has a mass nearly 200 times that of an electron, replaces an electron in a *Li* atom. The lowest ionization energy for the muonic *Li* atom is approximately

- (a) the same as that of *He*  
 (b) the same as that of normal *Li*  
 (c) 200 times larger than that of normal *Li*  
 (d) the same as that of normal *Be*

Topic -Atomic and Molecular physics

Subtopic-Hydrogen like Atom

Ans. : (a)

Solution:  $m_\mu = 200m_e$  &  $m_p = 1836m_e$

$$\text{Ionization energy: } E = 13.6 \frac{z^2}{n^2} \frac{\mu}{m_e}$$

For Muonic Li-atom:

$$E = 13.6 \frac{z^2}{n^2} \frac{\mu}{m_e} = \frac{13.6 \times 9 \times 7m_p \times m_\mu}{m_e (7m_p + m_\mu)} = 24104.89 eV$$

For Normal Li-atom

$$E = 13.6 \frac{z^2}{n^2} \frac{\mu}{m_e} = \frac{13.6 \times 9 \times 7m_p \times m_e}{m_e (7m_p + m_e)} = 122.4 eV$$

Thus, correct option is (c)

Q62. The wavefunction of a particle of mass  $m$ , constrained to move on a circle of unit radius centered at the origin in the  $xy$ - plane, is described by  $\psi(\phi) = A \cos^2 \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle. All the possible outcomes of measurements of the  $z$ - component of the angular momentum  $L_z$  in this state, in units of  $\hbar$  are

- (a)  $\pm 1$  and 0                      (b)  $\pm 1$                               (c)  $\pm 2$                               (d)  $\pm 2$  and 0

Topic-Quantum mechanics

Subtopic-Angular momentum

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $\psi(\phi) = A \cos^2 \phi = \frac{A}{2} (\cos 2\phi + 1)$

$$= \frac{A}{2} \left( \frac{e^{2i\phi} + e^{-2i\phi}}{2} + e^{0i\phi} \right)$$

$m = 2, -2, 0$

Q63. An alternating current  $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$  flows through a circular wire loop of radius  $R$ , lying in the  $xy$ -plane, and centered at the origin. The electric field  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$  and the magnetic field  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$  are measured at a point  $\vec{r}$  such that  $r \gg \frac{c}{\omega} \gg R$ , where  $\vec{r} = |\vec{r}|$ . Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) The time-averaged  $|\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)| \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$
- (b) The time-averaged  $|\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)| \propto \omega^2$
- (c) The time-averaged  $|\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)|$  as a function of the polar angle  $\theta$  has a minimum at

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(d)  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$  is along the azimuthal direction

Ans.: (b)

Solution: Then, the Poynting vector averaged for a full time period is,

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \left( \frac{\mu_0 p_0^2 \omega^4}{32\pi^2 c} \right) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Since we know that  $\langle \vec{S} \rangle \propto \omega^4$  and  $|\vec{E}| \propto \omega^2$ ,  $|\vec{B}| \propto \omega^2$

Q64. The positive zero of the polynomials  $f(x) = x^2 - 4$  is determined using Newton-Raphson method, using initial guess  $x = 1$ . Let the estimate, after two iterations, be  $x^{(2)}$ . The percentage

error  $\left| \frac{x^{(2)} - 2}{2} \right| \times 100\%$  is

- (a) 7.5%                      (b) 5.0%                      (c) 1.0%                      (d) 2.5%

Topic-Mathematical physics

Subtopic- Numerical Analysis

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $x_0 = 1$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{(x_n^2 - 4)}{2x_n}$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{(x_0^2 - 4)}{2x_0} = 1 - \frac{(-3)}{2} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{(x_1^2 - 4)}{2x_1} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\left(\frac{25}{4} - 4\right)}{2 \times \frac{5}{2}} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{9}{20} = \frac{41}{20}$$

$$\left| \frac{\frac{41}{20} - 2}{2} \right| \times 100 = \frac{1}{40} \times 100 = 2.5\%$$



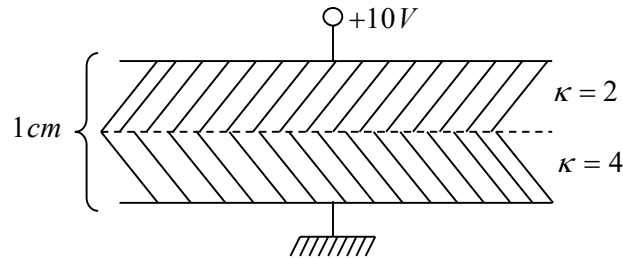
$$v_g = c \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega_{mn}}{\omega}\right)^2} = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{2c^2\pi^2}{L^2\omega^2}}$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \left[\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2\right]} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{2\pi^2}{L^2}}$$

$$c^2 \left(\frac{L^2 K^2 + 2\pi^2}{L^2}\right) = \omega^2$$

$$v_g = c \sqrt{1 - \frac{2c^2\pi^2}{L^2 c^2 K^2 + 2c^2\pi^2}} \Rightarrow v_g = \frac{cKL}{\sqrt{K^2 L^2 + 2\pi^2}}$$

Q67. A parallel plate capacitor with 1 cm separation between the plates has two layers of dielectric with dielectric constants  $\kappa=2$  and  $\kappa=4$ , as shown in the figure below. If a potential difference of 10V is applied between the plates, the magnitude of the bound surface charge density (in units of  $C/m^2$ ) at the junction of the dielectrics is



- (a)  $250 \epsilon_0$                       (b)  $2000\epsilon_0/3$                       (c)  $2000 \epsilon_0$                       (d)  $200\epsilon_0/3$

Topic-Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Dielectric material

Ans.: (b)

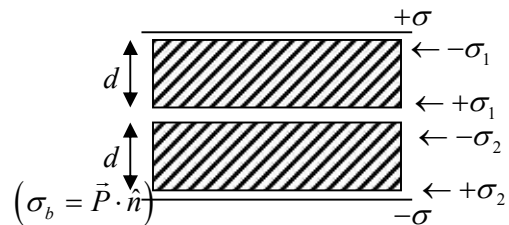
Solution:  $V = E_1 d + E_2 d = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_1} d + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_2} d = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} d + \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} d = \frac{3\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} d$

$V = 10$  volts,  $d = 0.5$  cm

$$\sigma = \frac{4\epsilon_0}{3 \times 0.5 \times 10^{-2}} \times 10 = \frac{4 \times 10^{14}}{15} \epsilon_0$$

$$\vec{P}_1 = \epsilon_0 \chi e_1 \vec{E}_1 = \epsilon_0 (2-1) \times \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0} = \frac{\sigma}{2} = \sigma_1$$

$$\vec{P}_2 = \epsilon_0 \chi e_2 \vec{E}_2 = \epsilon_0 (4-1) \times \frac{\sigma}{4\epsilon_0} = \frac{3\sigma}{4} = \sigma_2$$



$$\sigma = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{3\sigma}{4} = -\frac{\sigma}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4 \times 10^{14}}{15} \epsilon_0 = -\frac{2000}{3} \epsilon_0$$

- Q68. The Hamiltonian of a system with two degrees of freedom is  $H = q_1 p_1 - q_2 p_2 + a q_1^2$ , where  $a > 0$  is a constant. The function  $q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 p_2$  is a constant of motion only if  $\lambda$  is
- (a) 0                                      (b) 1                                      (c)  $-a$                                       (d)  $a$

Topic- Classical mechanics

Subtopic- Poisson Bracket

Ans.: (a)

Solution:  $H = q_1 p_1 - q_2 p_2 + a q_1^2$      $f = (q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 p_2)$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = [f, H] + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dt} = [f, H] = 0$$

$$[f, H] = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_1} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_1} \right] + \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_2} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_2} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_2} \right] = 0$$

$$q_2 \cdot q_1 - \lambda p_2 (p_1 + 2a q_1) + q_1 (-q_2) - \lambda p_1 (-p_2) = 0$$

$$q_2 q_1 - \lambda p_1 p_2 - 2a \lambda p_2 q_1 p_2 - q_1 q_2 + \lambda p_1 q_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

- Q69. The function  $f(t)$  is a periodic function of period  $2\pi$ . In the range  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , it equals  $e^{-t}$ . If

$f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$  denotes its Fourier series expansion, the sum  $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$  is

- (a) 1                                      (b)  $\frac{1}{2\pi}$                                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \cosh(2\pi)$                                       (d)  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sinh(2\pi)$

Topic- Mathematical physics

Subtopic- Fourier series

Ans.: (d)

Solution:  $f(t) = e^{-t}$      $-\pi < x < \pi, f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-2t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{-2\pi} - e^{2\pi}}{-2} \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sinh 2\pi$$



Where  $R$  = Radius,  $t$  = Time and  $\rho$  = Density

$$R^5 = \frac{Et^2}{\rho} \Rightarrow R = \left( \frac{Et^2}{\rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

Q72. The pressure  $p$  of a gas depends on the number density  $\rho$  of particles and the temperature  $T$  as  $P = k_B T \rho - B_2 \rho^2 + B_3 \rho^3$  where  $B_2$  and  $B_3$  are positive constants. Let  $T_c$ ,  $\rho_c$  and  $p_c$  denote the critical temperature, critical number density and critical pressure, respectively. The ratio  $\rho_c k_B T_c / p_c$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (b) 3                      (c)  $\frac{8}{3}$                       (d) 4

Topic- Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics

Subtopic- Real Gas

Ans.: (b)

Solution:  $P = k_B T \rho - B_2 \rho^2 + B_3 \rho^3$

For critical constants:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} = k_B T - 2B_2 \rho + 3B_3 \rho^2 = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \rho^2} = -2B_2 + 6B_3 \rho = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$2B_2 = 6B_3 \rho \Rightarrow B_2 = 3B_3 \rho$$

$$k_B T_c = 3B_3 \rho_c^2$$

$$P_c = 3B_3 \rho_c^3 - 3B_3 \rho_c^3 + B_3 \rho_c^3$$

$$\frac{\rho_c k_B T_c}{p_c} = \frac{P_c 3B_3 \rho_c^2}{B_3 \rho_c^3} = 3$$

Q73. The mean kinetic energy per atom in a sodium vapour lamp is  $0.33 eV$ . Given that the mass of sodium is approximately  $22.5 \times 10^9 eV$ , the ratio of the Doppler width of an optical line to its central frequency is

- (a)  $7 \times 10^{-7}$                       (b)  $6 \times 10^{-6}$                       (c)  $5 \times 10^{-5}$                       (d)  $4 \times 10^{-4}$

Topic- Atomic and molecular Physics

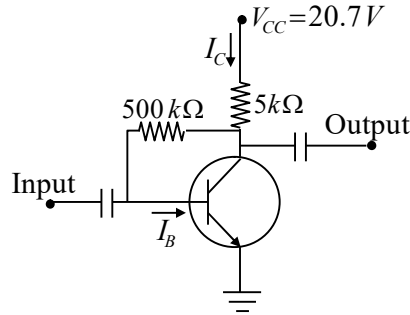
Subtopic- Doppler shift

Ans. : (b)

Solution: Doppler shift is:

$$\Delta v_0 = 1.67 v_0 \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{mc^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta v_0}{v_0} = 1.67 \sqrt{\frac{0.33}{22.5 \times 10^9}} = 6.35 \times 10^{-6}$$

Q74. In a collector feedback circuit shown in the figure below, the base emitter voltage  $V_{BE} = 0.7V$  and current gain  $\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = 100$  for the transistor



Topic- Electronics  
Subtopic- Transistor

The value of the base current  $I_B$  is

- (a)  $20 \mu A$                       (b)  $40 \mu A$                       (c)  $10 \mu A$                       (d)  $100 \mu A$

Ans.: (a)

Solution: Apply K.V.L in input section

$$-20V + \beta I_B \times 5K + I_B \times 500K + 0.7V = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{19.3}{100 \times 5K + 500K} = 19.3 \mu A$$

Q75. For  $T$  much less than the Debye temperature of copper, the temperature dependence of the specific heat at constant volume of copper, is given by (in the following  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants)

- (a)  $aT^3$                       (b)  $aT + bT^3$                       (c)  $aT^2 + bT^3$                       (d)  $\exp\left(-\frac{a}{k_B T}\right)$

Topic- Solid State physics  
Subtopic- Specific Heat

Ans. : (b)

Solution: The specific heat of model is sum of electric and phonon specific heat

$$C_{metal} = C_{electron} + C_{photon} = \frac{\pi^2 N k^2}{2E_f} T + \frac{12\pi^4 N k_B}{5T_D^3} T^3 = aT + bT^3$$